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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Waltherus J.W. van Venrooij, et al.
Serial No. 09/308,150
Filed: September 30, 1999
For: PEPTIDE DERIVED FROM AN ANTIGEN
RECOGNIZED BY AUTOANTIBODIES FROM
PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS,
ANTIBODY DIRECTED AGAINST SAID PEPTIDE,
A COMBINATORIAL ANTIGEN, AND A METHOD
OF DETECTING AUTOIMMUNE ANTIBODIES

Examiner: A. DeCloux
Group Art Unit: 1644

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2001, please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the following instructions:

In the Claims:

Amend the following claims:

4. (Four Times Amended) A peptide according to claim 1 wherein the peptide comprises a linear peptide selected from the group of peptides consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8 and SEQ ID NO:9.